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southern Hemis-
tern, stern, poop,
; a pup. 2. An
4, small pet dog.
Lat. *pūpa*.
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vision; nearly or
iscernment; dull,
nd, totally blind,
blind; see *blin*.)

Amer. physician
95. English com-
(1689).
t can be bought.
as-a-bil'i-tiy n.
-chases. 1. To
alient; buy. 2. To
with mechanical
or an instance of
through the pay-
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obtain mechanical
ffording means to
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erting one's pow-
OFr. *purchaser* :
cier, to chase; see
en, used mainly in
r strangers. b. The
r, practiced esp. by
lusion. [Urdu *par-*
Pers. **paridaka* <
; see *per¹* + *da*,
; a homogeneous or
from adulterants or
ollution. 4. Free of
nappropriate or ex-
; no faults; sinless-
cestry; purendar-
 continual inbreed-
discordant qualities;
ng speech sound-
tical; pure science;
re reason. [ME *pur-*
rely adv. — *pure*.

unadulterated. The
es is "free of extra-
cohol; sheer wine; a
id-ed (-blūd'ēd) adj.
blood' n.
ognized strain estab-
lineage over many
bred animal.
-ing. -rees. To rub
blender. — n. Food
Fr., pureé < OFr. <
Lat. *pūrare*, to purify

To finish or decorate
ing (-fling). An orn-
n < OFr. *porflier* <
PRO⁻¹ + Lat. *filiu*,
- purging or purifying-
cleanse or purge, esp.
A purgative agent or
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- a river of SE
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adj. 1. Serving to pa-
ling purgatory.
, pl. -ries. 1. Rom.
those who have died
in grace must expiate their sins. 2. A place or condition of suffering, expiation, or remorse. — adj. Tending to cleanse or purge. [ME *purgatorie* < OFr. *purgatoire* < Med.Lat. *pūrgatorium* < LLat., means of purgation < neut. of *pūrgātorius*, cleansing < Lat. *pūrgāre*, to cleanse. See *PURGE*.]
purge (pūrj) v. purged, purg-ing, purg-es. — tr. 1.a. To free from impurities; purify. b. To remove (impurities and other elements) by or as if by cleansing. 2. To rid of sin, guilt, or defilement. 3. Law. To clear (a person) of a charge or an imputation. Often used with respect to contempt of court. 4.a. To rid (a nation, for example) of people considered undesirable. b. To get rid of (people considered undesirable). 5. Medic. a. To cause evacuation of (the bowels or stomach). b. To induce evacuation of the bowels or stomach in (an individual). — intr. 1. To become pure or clean. 2. Medic. To undergo or cause an emptying of the bowels or stomach. — n. 1. The act or process of purging. 2. Something that purges, esp. a medicinal purgative. [ME *pūrge* < OFr. *purgier* < Lat. *pūrgāre* < *pūrus*, pure. See *peua^{*}*.] — *purg'er* n.
purl (pūrl) n. Var. of *poor*.
purl-fl-cause (pūrl'fī-kāshān) n. The act or an instance of cleansing or purifying.
purl-fl-ca-tor (pūrl'fī-kā-tōr) n. Eccles. A cloth used to clean the chalice after the celebration of the Eucharist.
purl-fl-fy (pūrl'fī-fī) v. -fled, -fy-ing, -fles. — tr. 1. To rid of impurities; cleanse. 2. To rid of foreign or objectionable elements. 3. To free from sin, guilt, or other defilement. — intr. To become clean or pure. [ME *purlifien* < OFr. *purifier* < Lat. *pūrficāre* : *pūrus*, clean; see *PURE* + -fīcare, -fy.] — *purl-fl-ry* (pūrl'fī-rī-lī-kā-tōr'ē, -tōr'ē) adj. — *purl-fl-fl-* er n.
pürim (pūrl'īm, pōrl'ēm') n. Judaism. The 14th of Adar, observed in celebration of the delivery by Esther of the Persian Jews from massacre. [Heb. *pūrim*, pl. of *pūr*, lot (from the lots Haman cast to decide the day of the massacre, Esther 9:24–26) < Akkadian *pūru*, lot.]
pürine (pūrl'ēn') n. 1. A crystalline organic base, C₅H₄N₄, that is the parent compound of various biologically important derivatives. 2. Any of a group of organic compounds derived from or structurally related to purine, including uric acid and the nucleic acid constituents adenine and guanine. [Ger. *Purin* : Lat. *pūrus*, clean; see *PURE* + NLat. *uricus*, *uricum*, uric (< Gk. *ourōn*, urine) + -in, n. suff. (< Fr. -ine; see -IN).]
pürim (pūrl'īm) n. 1. Strict observance of or insistence on traditional correctness, esp. of language. 2. An example of purism.
pür-ist (pūrl'īst) n. One who practices or urges strict correctness, esp. in the use of words. — *pür-ist'ic* (pūrl'īst'ik) adj. — *pür-ist'i-cal* adv.
pür-tan (pūrl'ī-tān) n. 1. A member of a group of English Protestants who in the 16th and 17th centuries advocated strict religious discipline and simplification of the ceremonies and creeds of the Church of England. 2. puritan. One who lives in accordance with strict religious or moral precepts, esp. one who regards pleasure as sinful. — adj. 1. Of or relating to the Puritans or Puritanism. 2. puritan. Characteristic of a puritan; puritanical. [< LLat. *pūritās*, purity < Lat. *pūrus*, pure. See *peua^{*}*.]
pür-tan-i-cal (pūrl'ī-tān'lī-kāl) adj. 1. Rigorous in religious observance; marked by stern morality. 2. Puritanical. Of, relating to, or characteristic of the Puritans. — *pür-tan'i-* cal-ly adv. — *pür-tan'i-cal* ness n.
pür-tan-i-sm (pūrl'ī-tān'īz'm) n. 1. The practices and doctrines of the Puritans. 2. puritanism. Scrupulous moral rigor, esp. hostility to social pleasures and indulgences.
pür-ti-ty (pūrl'ī-tē) n. 1. The quality or condition of being pure. 2. Freedom from sin or guilt; innocence; chastity. 3. The absence in speech or writing of elements deemed inappropriate to good style. 4. Color. The degree to which a color is free from being mixed with other colors.
Pürkinje cell (pūrl'īn'jē) n. A large, drop-shaped, densely branching neuron that is the characteristic cell of the cerebellar cortex. [After Johannes Evangelista von Pürkinje (1787–1869), Bohemian physiologist.]
Pürkinje fiber n. One of a network of specialized cardiac muscle fibers that rapidly transmit impulses from the atrioventricular node to the ventricles.
pürl (pūrl) *intr.v.* purled, purl-ing, purls. To flow or ripple with a murmuring sound. — n. The sound made by rippling water. [Prob. of Scand. orig.]
pürl also **pearl** (pūrl) — v. purled, purl-ing, purls also pearl, pearl-ing, pearls. — tr. 1. To knit (yarn) with a purl stitch. 2. To edge or finish (a handkerchief, for example) with lace or embroidery. — intr. 1. To do knitting with a purl stitch. 2. To edge or finish with lace or embroidery. — n. 1. Inversion of a knit stitch; purl stitch. 2. A decorative edging of lace or embroidery. 3. Gold or silver wire used in embroidery. [?]
pürley (pūrl'yo, pūrl'loo) n. 1. An outlying or neighboring part. 2. purleus. Outskirts; the environs. 3. A place one frequents. [ME *pūrelwe*, piece of land on the edge of a forest, *lōw*, alteration of *porale*, *porale*, royal perambulation <

OFr. *porale* < *poraler*, to traverse : *por-*, forth (< Lat. *prō-*; see PRO⁻¹) + *aler*, *aller*, to go; see ALLEY¹.)
pür-line (pūrl'lin) n. One of several horizontal timbers supporting the rafters of a roof. [ME.]
pür-loin (pūrl'loin', pūrl'loin') v. -loined, -loin-ing, -loins. — tr. To steal, often in a violation of trust. — intr. To commit theft. [ME *pūrlainen*, to remove < AN *pūrligner* : *pūr*, away (< Lat. *prō-*; see PRO⁻¹) + *loign*, far (< Lat. *longē* < *longus*, long; see DEL⁻¹).] — *pür-loin'er* n.
purl stitch n. An inverted knitting stitch, often alternated with the knit stitch to produce a ribbed effect.
pū-ro-my-cln (pyōōr'ō-mī'sīn) n. An antibiotic, C₂₂H₂₀N₆O₅, obtained from the soil bacterium *Streptomyces alboniger* and used experimentally as an inhibitor of protein synthesis. [PUR(NE) + -MYCN.]
pür-pile (pūrl'pal) n. 1. Color. Any of a group of colors with a hue between that of violet and red. 2. Cloth of a color between violet and red, once a symbol of royalty or high office. 3. Imperial power; high rank. — adj. 1. Color. Of the color purple. 2. Royal or imperial; regal. 3. Elaborate and ornate. — tr. & *intr.v.* -pled, -pling, -ples. To make or become purple. [ME < OE *pūrpul* < *pūrpura*, purple garment < Lat. *pūrpa* < Gk. *porphura*, a shellfish yielding purple dye.]
purple grackle n. The common grackle (*Quiscalus quiscula*) of eastern North America having iridescent blackish-purple plumage and a long keel-shaped tail.
pür-pile-heart (pūrl'pal-hārt') n. 1. A tropical tree (*Peltogyne paniculata*) native to Guiana and Trinidad and having very hard durable brown wood that turns a purple color on exposure. 2. The purplish heartwood of this tree.
Pür-pile Heart (pūrl'pal) n. A U.S. military decoration awarded to members of the armed forces wounded in action.
purple loosestrife n. An Old World marsh plant (*Lythrum salicaria*) having long spikes of purple flowers.
purple martin n. A large North American swallow (*Progne subis*) having glossy blue-black plumage and a light-colored breast in the female.
pür-pish (pūrl'pish) adj. Color. Somewhat purple.
pür-port (pär-pōrt', -pōrt') *tr.v.* -port-ed, -port-ing, -ports. 1. To have or present the often false appearance of being or intending; profess. 2. To have the intention of doing; purpose. — n. (pür'pōrt', -pōrt'). 1. Meaning presented, intended, or implied; import. 2. Intention; purpose. [ME *pūrporten*, to set forth < AN *pūrporter* : *pūr*, forth (< Lat. *prō-*; see PRO⁻¹) + *porter*, to carry (< Lat. *portare*; see PER⁻²).]
pür-port-ed (pär-pōrt'ēd, -pōrt'ēd) adj. Assumed to be such; supposed. — *pür-port'ēd* adv.
pür-pose (pūrl'pas) n. 1. The object toward which one strives or for which something exists; an aim or a goal. 2. A result or an effect that is intended or desired; an intention. See Syns at *Intention*. 3. Determination; resolution. 4. The matter at hand; the point at issue. — *tr.v.* -posed, -pos-ing, -pos-es. To intend or resolve to perform or accomplish. — *Idioms*. on purpose. Intentionally; deliberately. to good purpose. With good results. to little (or no) purpose. With few or no results. [ME *pūrpos* < AN *pūrposer*, to intend : *pūr*, forth (< Lat. *prō-*; see PRO⁻¹) + *poser*, to put; see POS¹.]
pür-pose-ful (pūrl'pas-fəl) adj. 1. Having a purpose; intentional. 2. Having or manifesting purpose; determined. — *pür-pose-ful* adv. — *pür-pose-ful-ness* n.
pür-pose-less (pūrl'pas-lēs) adj. Lacking a purpose; meaningless or aimless. — *pür-pose-less* ness n.
pür-pose-ly (pūrl'pas-lē) adv. With specific purpose.
pür-po-sive (pūrl'pas-vē) adj. 1. Having or serving a purpose. 2. Purposeful. — *pür-po-sive* ness n.
pür-pu-ra (pūrl'pōrā, -pōrā) n. A condition characterized by hemorrhages in the skin and mucous membranes that result in the appearance of purplish spots or patches. [Lat., purple. See PURPLE.] — *pür-pu-rific* (-pūrl'pōr'ik) adj.
pür-pu-rin (pūrl'pōrēn') n. A reddish crystalline compound, C₁₄H₁₀O₂(OH)₃, used as a biological stain and commercial dye. [Lat. *pūrpura*, purple; see PURPLE + -IN.]
purr (pūr) n. 1. The soft vibrant sound made by a cat. 2. A sound similar to that made by a cat. — *v.* purred, purr-ing, purrs. — *intr.* To make or utter a purr. — *tr.* To express by a purr. [Imit.]
purse (pūrs) n. 1. A woman's bag for carrying personal items; a handbag. 2. A small bag or pouch for carrying money. 3. Something that resembles a bag or pouch. 4. Available wealth or resources; money. 5. A sum of money collected as a present or offered as a prize. — *tr.v.* pursed, purs-ing, purs-es. To gather or contract (the lips or brow) into wrinkles or folds; pucker. [ME < OE < LLat. *bursa*. See BURSA.]
pür-ser (pūrl'ser) n. The officer in charge of money matters on a ship or commercial aircraft. [ME < *purse*, purse. See PURSE.]
pür-seline n. A fishing seine that is drawn into the shape of a bag to enclose the catch.
pürse strings or **pürse-strings** (pūrs'tringz') pl.n. Financial support or resources, or control over them.
pürs-lane (pūrl'slin, -lān') n. A trailing Asian weed (*Portulaca oleracea*) having small yellow flowers, reddish stems, and fleshy obovate edible leaves. [ME < AN **pūrcelane*, altera-

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